

**Question for written answer E-008241/2016
to the Commission**
Rule 130
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Subject: Landing obligation and the Union's external fleets

In the proposal for a regulation on the sustainable management of external fishing fleets (COM(2015)636 final), the Commission states that 'Union fishing activities outside Union waters should be based on the same principles and standards as those applicable under Union law in the area of the CFP'.

Article 15 of (EU) Regulation No 1380/2013 states that 'all catches [...] caught during fishing activities in Union waters or by Union fishing vessels outside Union waters in water not subject to third countries' sovereignty or jurisdiction [...] shall be brought and retained on board the fishing vessels, recorded, landed and counted against the quotas where applicable'. Article 28 of (EU) Regulation No 1380/2013 states that 'the Union shall conduct its external fisheries relations in accordance with its international obligations and policy objectives, as well as the objectives and principles set out in Articles 2 and 3'. Article 2 refers to the landing obligation as an objective of the CFP.

Can the Commission state whether the landing obligation applies to the Union's external fleet as part of sustainable fishing agreements negotiated by the European Commission with third countries?